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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ALLIED DEMARCHE TO USSR ON TRANSIT
ROUTE DIFFICULTIES

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1. AS RESULT OF BONN GROUP MEETINGS DURING PAST WEEK,
THE THREE EMBASSIES ARE PROPOSING TO CAPITALS FOLLOWING
POSSIBLE TEXT OF ORAL DEMARCHE. IN DRAFTING TEXT, ALL
EMBASSIES MADE CLEAR THAT THEY WERE WITHOUT
INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING SUCH DEMARCHE.

2. TEXT OF PROPOSED DEMARCHE IS INTENDED TO TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT AND ADDRESS FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF USSR AND GDR
STATEMENTS CONCERNING MEASURES AS RESULT OF
ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA IN WSB:

A.) WHILE USSR STATEMENT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY
THREATEN EFFECT ON USE OF ACCESS ROUTES BY FEA

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EMPLOYEES, GDR STATEMENT STOPS JUST SHORT OF

DOING SO, SPEAKING OF "APPROPRIATE MEASURES"
IN SENTENCE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THOSE
SENTENCES INDICATING THAT TRANSIT OF FEA STAFF,
RELEVANT PROPERTY AND DOCUMENTS WILL BE
REGARDED AS UNLAWFUL AND THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL
BASIS FOR TRANSIT TRAVEL BY FEA REPS:

- B.) GDR ARROGATES TO ITSELF ROLE OF OVERSEER OF
COMPLIANCE OF THREE POWERS WITH QA, CLAIMS TO
HAVE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS RE WHAT IT CALLS
"PRINCIPAL PROVISION" OF QA, I.E. CONVENIENTLY
SELECTED PARTS OF PART IIB AND PART I(4), AND
RIGHT TO ENSURE OBSERVANCE OF THESE
PROVISIONS BY "APPROPRIATE MEASURES", I.E.
CHOOSING CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS AND
GOODS WITH RESPECT TO WHOM UNIMPEDED TRANSIT
TRAFFIC IS NO LONGER TO BE A MATTER OF RIGHT;
- C.) THREAT OF GDR, EVEN IN ABSENCE OF ACTUAL
MEASURES TO IMPEDE TRANSIT BY FEA EMPLOYEES,
WITH EFFECT ON OTHERS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF
MEASURES, IS ITSELF INCONSISTENT WITH QA AND
WITHOUT ANY LEGAL JUSTIFICATION;
- D.) USSR STATEMENT ECHOES LINE PREVIOUSLY TAKEN THAT
ONE OF THE BASIC IDEAS OF THE QA IS THE
"LIMITATION AND CURTAILMENT" OF ACTIVITIES OF THE
STATE BODIES OF THE FRG IN THE WSB;
- E.) USSR STATEMENT INDICATES READINESS TO DO ALL
NECESSARY TO ENSURE, "IN CONTACT AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING" STRICT OBSERVANCE AND (FULL)
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QA, BUT WITHOUT ACTUALLY
MENTIONING CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARA
4 OF FQP.

3. FRENCH REP (LUSTIG) THROUGHOUT DISCUSSIONS AND
DRAFTING EXPRESSED STRONG INCLINATION TO INCLUDE IN
TEXT A POSITIVE SIGNAL TO WHAT HE TERMED SOVIET HINT
OF READINESS TO HAVE INFORMAL FOUR-POWER TALKS WHICH
WOULD BE ON LEVEL BELOW THOSE PROVIDED IN FQP. OTHER
REPS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUCH A SIGNAL BY ALLIES WOULD
BE PREMATURE AND UNWISE AT THIS TIME.

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4. AD REF TEXT FOLLOWS. BEGIN TEXT

A. THE GOVERNMENTS OF HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF A STATEMENT
OF THE SOVIET MFA PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA ON JULY 20, 1974
ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEA IN THE WSB. THEY
HAVE ALSO NOTED A STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR
PUBLISHED ON JULY 21, WHICH USES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE AGENCY AS A PRETEXT FOR EXPRESSING VIEWS ON THE
USE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES TO BERLIN.

B. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS DEEM IT NECESSARY TO STATE
THE FOLLOWING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION,
AS CO-SIGNATORY OF THE QA OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

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C. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT
THE DIVISION OF COMPETENCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
ARISING FROM THE QA BE STRICTLY RESPECTED. IN THIS
CONNECTION THEY WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE GDR CAN
CLAIM NEITHER ANY LEGITIMATE INTEREST TO OVERSEE THE
APPLICATION OF PART IIB AND THE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED
WITH THAT PART OF THE AGREEMENT NOR, A FORTIORI, ANY
RIGHT TO TAKE MEASURES WHICH WOULD CONTRADICT THE TERMS
OF THE AGREEMENT.

D. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO REMIND THE SOVIET
GOVERNMENT OF THEIR PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS MADE ON
OCTOBER 8, 1973 IN BERLIN, AND ON DECEMBER 29, 1973
AND JANUARY 29, 1974 IN MOSCOW. THESE COMMUNICATIONS
ASSURED THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT THE APPROVAL BY

THE THREE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEA
IN THE WSB DID NOT CONTRAVENE ANY PROVISION OF THE
QA AND ITS ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS. THE STATEMENT BY THE
THREE GOVERNMENTS ON JANUARY 29 POINTED OUT THAT THE
EXCLUSION FROM THE TRANSIT ROUTES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE
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FEA WOULD, ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF
THE QA.

E. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS HOLD THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT
TO ITS CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE QA, TRANSIT TRAFFIC OF CIVILIAN
PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN THE WSB AND THE FRG REMAINS
UNIMPEDED. END TEXT

5. NO AGREEMENT REACHED IN BONN GROUP FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
TO AUTHORITIES ON MODALITIES, BUT LUSTIG SAID HE WAS
THINKING IN TERMS OF DELIVERY IN THREE ALLIED CAPITALS,
WHILE CROMARTIE (UK REP) SAID HE WOULD FAVOR DELIVERY
IN MOSCOW. IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE ALLIED NOTE, CROMARTIE
SAID, IT COULD BE DELIVERED JOINTLY BY THREE
AMBASSADORS AT VICE FONMIN LEVEL. LUSTIG RESPONDED THAT
DELIVERY IN MOSCOW HAS BECOME "ROUTINE" AND HE
MAINTAINED INCLINATION FOR DELIVERY IN CAPITALS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS
ON TEXT AND MODALITIES.
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